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**The Best Christmas**  
can be had for you and for all who toil, if you buy goods and services made under decent, union standards.

## State Building Trades Map Reorganization

### BOXING CARD ON THURSDAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR AFL YULE PARTY FOR KIDDIES

All members of AFL labor unions in the Salinas area are urged to attend next Thursday night's boxing program at the Salinas Armory, the program given to raise funds for the annual Christmas party for youngsters of the area. Publicity release from the arrangement committee follows:

**Prison Work By Convicts Draws Fire**

New evidence that convicts at the state's medium security prison at Soledad are doing work of building a warehouse and barns at the prison site was uncovered last week and drew fire from Salinas building trades unions which has jurisdiction.

A delegation from the prison visited George R. Harter, business agent of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, and informed him that the work being done now is for a dairy farm and is not part of the coming prison project.

Harter explained that it was the understanding of building crafts at Salinas that all work henceforth would be done by contract labor, rather than prisoners. This agreement, he said, was reached last year when unions protested the use of prisoners.

In return, the delegation said it was its understanding that prisoners were to be used on work other than the construction of a new prison, for which plans are being drawn now and bids will be called shortly.

The present work, it was explained, is a dairy farm and prisoners are building a warehouse and barns.

### Pep Creamery Pickets Still Seek Support

Pickets of Monterey Culinary Workers and Bartenders' Union 483 continued before the Pep Creamery last week and issued a new appeal for all possible support from union members and the general public.

George Rice, secretary of Local 483, said the union is pushing organization of other creameries in the Monterey area, with good success.

He reports that he made a trip to San Jose and San Francisco last week to enlist Teamster support in the Pep Creamery dispute.

### Fish Cannery Busy; Boatmen Reach Accord

Fish cannery workers at Monterey were busy last week as fishing boats brought in more than 2000 tons of sardines of good quality, union officials reported.

A settlement on the price of sardines was reached early last week as the AFL fishermen agreed to bring in sardines at \$50 per ton.

Nearly all plants got some fish as boats resumed activity and brought in 1000 tons of sardines on Tuesday, 800 tons on Wednesday and more over the weekend.

### Pacific Bldrs. Start 20 Homes

Construction laborers from Salinas Laborers Union 272 were called to a Pacific Builders project in Mission Park, at Salinas, last week for preliminary work on 20 new homes, union Business Agent J. B. McGinley reports.

Work for laborers has been slow, McGinley adds, with a few men idle. Street work in the Mission Park subdivision is starting and will provide some jobs, he said. Granite Construction Co. is doing the street work.

At the Stone & Webster Co. project for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. at Moss Landing, Local 272 now has 25 men on the job, three as watchmen.

### Television Is Already Owned By Wall Street

New York.—"Television is a blue chip game. Pickers might as well get out now."

Thus did Sidney Strotz, Natl. Broadcasting Co. vice president, sum up the video situation in a recent candid interview with a reporter for Variety, the show business magazine.

This was Strotz's way of saying that Radio Corp. of America, American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and their banker-owners in Wall Street are the only ones who can afford to be in the television business.

It isn't just that RCA controls 24 of the 32 basic television patents or that AT&T has an absolute monopoly on all coaxial cables over which television programs are carried, but television equipment and production are enormously more expensive than old-fashioned radio.

There is still an opportunity, limited to be sure, for an organization of small means, such as a union, to start a radio station. But if such a small operator, with limited capital, thinks he can plunge into television, he may well ponder the fact that one television camera alone costs as much as the full equipment of a 250-watt radio station—something in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

Even NBC, the richest of the radio-television outfits, admits it is losing more than \$5,000 a week on TV. Of course, NBC has the "blue chips." More than that, much of the "loss" goes to RCA, which owns NBC as a subsidiary, and to AT&T, which is allied with RCA as a J. P. Morgan interest.

Television men estimate that any given TV show will cost five times as much as a similar radio show. A simple example is a sports car's show on a network. When this sports carster walks into the radio studio for his 15-minute show, there is a crew of two—a production man and an engineer—to get him on the air. When the same sports carster walks into a television studio for an almost exactly similar 15-minute show, there is a crew of 15 to see that his image gets out of the studio.

With RCA and AT&T setting monopolistically unchangeable prices on the facilities for television, the owners of stations and networks are doing their best to shave expenses by holding down wages. They are thwarted in this to the extent that the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (both AFL) have organized the technicians such as engineers, cameramen and stagehands.

The actors, writers, directors, production men and other white collar workers, however, are fair game since they are as yet unorganized. The Screen Actors Guild, Equity and the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFL) are debating which shall organize the acting and announcing talent. The Radio Writers Guild and the Radio Directors Guild have yet to make a move in their fields.

### Mutual Assn. Drafts Form Of Resolution

Heads of the Monterey Bay Area Mutual Association of Culinary and Bartender Union officials and delegates were busy last week preparing a resolution for submission to the California State Council of Culinary Workers and Bartenders, the resolution urging candidates for State Federation of Labor offices to announce intention to run at least 60 days prior to election.

Next meeting of the association is scheduled for this week, at Monterey, but time and place was not announced at time of this writing.

### Slap Another Trust

Washington.—A four count indictment charging five street lighting equipment manufacturers with antitrust law violations was filed in federal district court November 12, Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced here. The firms were charged with killing off competition in their industry.

A crime laboratory is now being established in Wisconsin with funds appropriated by the state.

### Labor Now Major Political Factor—No Time to Rest

Labor's political support has become a major factor in political campaigns as was proven in the recent election, but this is no time to rest on the oars and become complacent.

This was the gist of a letter from John F. Shelley, president, and C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, dated November 12, 1948, and addressed to the Building Trades Council. The letter follows:

"Dear Sirs and Brothers: 'That labor's political support is a major factor in any political campaign has been demonstrated most forcibly in the recently concluded elections. The encouraging results can be attributed to the splendid co-operation of the officers and members of our unions, councils and committees, and their active and conscientious participation in the election campaign.'

"Because of this inspiring beginning, it is extremely important that we do not rest on our oars, but go ahead with the impetus that was developed in this campaign. To do this, it will be necessary to maintain the local labor leagues which have been established, and activate them at every opportunity. In those places where no leagues exist, it is highly advisable that they be established, so that no local political campaign of any sort in which labor interests are involved will go unchallenged.

"The greatest danger facing us now is to assume that all of our problems have been solved because of the returns in the last elections, and so be lulled into a false sense of security. We are confident that this will not take place and that labor in California, which has given such an excellent account of itself, will continue to do so in the future. Only in this way will our hard-won gains be further secured and our vulnerability to attack minimized.

"Please convey our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to our membership. We hope that they will continue to implement the objectives of labor in the political as well as the economic and social fields."

Fraternally yours,

JOHN F. SHELLEY,

President.

C. J. HAGGERTY,

Secretary.

### IAM DEMANDS INVESTIGATION OF LOBBYISTS

Washington (LPA)—President Truman and congressional leaders are being urged by the International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated) to start the 81st Congress off right by immediately investigating the activities of Washington's corps of high-paid lobbyists.

The request was sent to the Democratic leaders by IAM Secretary-Treasurer Eric Peterson after the union's executive council heard a report that the leg-men of the vested interests spent approximately \$12,000,000 to influence the 80th Congress.

"Already," Peterson said, "there is ample evidence that these same lobbies, financed by special interests, are preparing to redouble their efforts in the 81st Congress in a last desperate attempt to block President Truman's legislative program."

Singled out for special attention by the IAM are the National Association of Manufacturers, the Committee for Constitutional Government, both of which were active on behalf of the Taft-Hartley law, the National Physicians Committee, the front for the fight against health insurance, the National Association of Electric Companies, the National Association of Home Builders, the National Association of Real Estate Boards, and the Association of American Railroads.

### Relief Load Up 54%

Chicago (LPA)—Despite postwar prosperity, the number of actual cases of persons on relief has increased 54% in the last three years, according to a recent survey made by the American Municipal Ass'n. Costs have jumped 136%, from \$6,600,000 to \$15,600,000 a month. The Association attributed this to inflation, and to the movement of many families to other parts of the country, causing temporary family emergencies.

### Internationals Support Bldg. Trades Program

Full support for the reorganization and expansion program of the California State Building Trades Council was shown by representatives of 15 international unions who attended the weekend conference in Fresno.

The following comments typified the attitude of these international unions toward the state council's new program:

**Earl J. Cook, Sheet Metal Workers:** "We are 100 per cent for the State Building Trades Council. It should assume the position of leadership it formerly had in California. Building trades should meet in annual convention. California is growing by leaps and bounds, and our building trades organization must do likewise."

**E. M. (Blackie) Woods, Iron Workers:** "I am glad to see this large gathering of local unions, and our international will recommend that all local unions affiliate."

**John H. Smith, Plasterers:** "Our international wishes to cooperate in every way we can."

**H. E. McCormick, Laborers:** "You will notice that our international is very well represented here, and we intend to assist in every way we can to enlarge this body."

**James Purvis, Bricklayers:** "A strong state council is the big need in California today, and this conference is the spearhead of coming events."

**J. O. Dahl, Lathers:** "Our international will assist the Building Trades Council to the fullest."

**W. J. Conboy, Teamsters:** "I am here representing President Tobin, and will make a full report back to him."

**M. A. Eisenhart, Operating Engineers:** "California is the new frontier, the population of the U.S. is moving west, and we must be organized to meet this new responsibility. A militant State Building Trades Council is a vital need to our organization."

**J. F. Cambiano, Carpenters:** "We are very much interested in the deliberations of this conference, and I will make a full report back to President Hutcheson and will add my own recommendations."

### 15 INTERNATIONAL UNIONS ARE REPRESENTED

Bricklayers, James Purvis; Boilermakers, Thomas Currie; Carpenters, J. F. Cambiano; Electrical Workers, Amos Feely; Elevator Constructors, Frank J. Murphy; Operating Engineers, M. A. Eisenhart; Plumbers, John Spaulding; Plasterers and Cement Finishers, John H. Smith; Painters, James Blackburn and Jack Kopke; Hod Carriers and Laborers, H. E. McCormick; Iron Workers, E. M. (Blackie) Woods; Sheet Metal Workers, Earl J. Cook; Teamsters, W. J. Conboy; Lathers, J. O. Dahl; Asbestos Workers, Henry Thompson.

The American Federation of Labor was represented by Dan Flanagan of the western office who addressed the conference.

### I.A.T.S.E. Loses Charter Member

The charter of I.A.T.S.E. Local 611, Motion Picture Operators, was draped in mourning following the death of Homer Dahken, charter member of the local union last week.

Reported to the Central Labor Council by Business Agent James Wilson, the death of Brother Dahken was apparently caused by a recurrent heart ailment. Age 58, the deceased member was employed in Watsonville and Salinas theatres of the Fox chain and was an active member throughout the history of local 611.

### Labor Dept. Reports Increased Productivity In Agriculture

Washington (FP)—Productivity of agricultural workers increased 17 per cent between 1939 and 1947, the Labor Department reported November 17. Since 1909, agricultural productivity nearly doubled.

Between 1909 and 1939 the increase was steady and gradual. The most sudden spurt in productivity of agricultural labor came during World War II when the output per worker went up nearly 24 per cent.

## Vigorous, Unified Drive Is Set at Big Fresno Meeting

Plans for an all-out drive to rejuvenate and enlarge California's State Building Trades Council into the important position it deserves and formerly occupied in the state were mapped at a broadly representative meeting held in Fresno Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26-27.

Fifteen international unions, and scores of local unions were represented at the conference, attended by more than 300 delegates, which was called by President Frank Lawrence to consider an agenda presented by the executive council and to lay plans for a state convention in the near future.

The state council was organized November 15, 1901, and the AFL Building Trades Department issued its first charter to this council. At the present time 24 local building trades councils out of 31 are affiliated with the state council.

After discussion, the conference decided to permit all delegates, whether there as delegates or as visitors, to speak and vote on recommendations.

Enthusiastic support was received from those present who represented the international unions.

### AXE FOR DENHAM

The council voted to do everything possible to obtain the ouster of General Counsel Denham of the NLRB who has repeatedly ruled against labor. This issue will be carried through on every front.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

The Executive Board of the State Building and Construction Trades Council met Friday, November 26 at Fresno, California prior to the meeting of the Conference of all Building Trade Unions of California which was called for Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27. President Frank Lawrence and the Vice-Presidents of the State worked out an agenda which was presented to the Conference. This agenda was a 14 point program and was presented for consideration to the affiliated unions of the building trades and to visiting delegates from unions not affiliated. All those attending were given a voice and vote on all subjects. Among the topics of discussion upon which favorable recommendations were made were the following:

**ITEMS ON AGENDA**

1. Appointment of a law and legislative committee to consider matters of legislation directly affecting the Building and Construction Trades unions.

2. To instruct the Executive Officers to confer with the Contractors License Board for the purpose of increasing the staff and effectiveness of its inspectors.
3. To continue policy of giving aid and assistance to Building Trades Councils and Unions in industrial accident cases, social security cases and unemployment insurance cases.

4. Appointment of a seven man committee from the delegates to the conference to bring in records of the best method of completely organizing the State Council.
- This seven man committee was appointed by President Lawrence and those appointed were as follows:

5. That a Research Department be set up in the Building and Construction Trades for the gathering and distribution of information pertaining to collective bargaining agreements throughout the State and working conditions, etc., for the benefit of all building trades unions.
6. It was recommended that the State Building and Construction Trades Council be authorized, when the necessity arises and funds permit, to set up additional offices in strategic areas of the State to aid coordination of activities of local building trades unions and councils.

7. Recommendation that all local unions use the quarterly working cards of the Building and Construction Trades Department issued through the State Building and Construction Trades Council was presented. This subject was probably the most important one on the agenda and after quite some discussion was referred to the seven-man Organizational Committee for further study and recommendation.

8. A recommendation that each local union pay 10c per capita directly to the State Building Trades Council or through local building trades councils and then to the State was also referred to the seven-man committee.

9. That matters involving jurisdiction and dispute between building trades unions be referred to a coordination committee composed of seven business representatives of different local building trades councils affiliated with the State Building and Construction Trades Council.

10. That an effort be made to adopt a uniform building trades agreement to cover local contractors. In this connection, it was suggested that all secretaries of local councils transmit to the general office of the State Council a copy of the form of agreement or agreements which they use. These agreements to be studied and drafts of all proposed agreements submitted to all councils.

11. That the State Building and Construction Trades Council hold a convention during 1949 at a time and place to be set by the General Executive Council.

12. The Taft Hartley Act, as affecting the building trades, was discussed at some length.
13. It was recommended that all local building trades' councils promptly furnish the State Building Trades Council office with copies of their minutes and approved wage schedules and all changes therein.

14. The Conference discussed—(a) Completely new construction as not subject to the fair labor standards act and (b) Reconstruction work actually used in Interstate Commerce which has been held to be covered by the fair labor standards act. The conference went on record as recommending that the fair labor standards act be amended to prevent overtime on overtime when valid collective bargaining agreements are entered into which provides for overtime rates as good or better than those provided for in the act.

15. The Seven Man Coordinating Committee composed of business representatives from seven different local Building Trades Councils, after meeting on all subjects referred to it, brought in the following report to the Conference:

This consisted of the full committee, and the committee organized itself by electing Brother Kenneth Bitter, chairman, and Brother Lloyd Mashburn, secretary.

The committee met in conjunction with General President Frank A. Lawrence and in consideration of this problem had before it the constitution and by-laws of the State Building Trades Council of California, as well as the constitution and by-laws of the Building Trades Department.

The committee, in consideration



FRANK A. LAWRENCE, president of California State Building Trades Council, presided at important Fresno conference.

### County Is Well Represented At Fresno Meet

Monterey county was well represented at the State Building Trades Conference held in Fresno over the week-end, unions and councils in both Salinas and Monterey having delegates in attendance.

L. T. Long, area vice-president of the State Building Trades Council, represented the district, and Fred S. Miller, business agent of Monterey County Central Labor Council, represented the council and Fred Miller, Ray Isakson, and Harry Foster represented the Building Trades Council, Bro. Miller also representing the Central Labor Council.

Union delegates were: Mahlon Fales of IBEW Local 1072, S. M. Thomas and Perry Luce of Laborers 690, J. L. Boling of Painters 272, Walter Stewart of Plasterers 337, John Alsop of Sheet Metal Workers 304, Carl Lara, representing Painters 1104 and IBEW 343, Lawrence Windelkin of Painters 1104, A. O. Miller of Carpenters 925, and Albert B. Every of Plumbers 503.

### Peron 'Likes Unions'

Buenos Aires (LPA)—President Juan Peron of Argentina, in a speech made recently, was quoted as saying, "We like labor unions. We want great, big, organized labor unions, not divided labor unions." To reinforce his case, he went on to say, "The dignifying of his status as a workman is more important to man than receiving some kind of pay increase."

of this matter, referred particularly to Section 39 of the constitution of the Building Trades Department and found that while all of the councils present, and most other councils, used the Building Trades Department universal working card, but that it was used in several different ways, and because of that and many other ramifications which the committee discussed for a full two-hour period, the committee recommends that, in accordance with Section 39 of the Building Trades Department constitution, the Building Trades Department universal working card be used by all Building Trades Councils and Local Unions, but that the manner in which these cards are obtained and used be left temporarily in the hands of the Local Council Representatives, particularly until such time as a further study and report can be made to the 1949 convention of the State Building and Construction Trades Council by the executive council of the above mentioned body.

The committee further wishes to point out that those Local Unions affiliated with the California State Building Trades Council are now receiving the Building and Construction Trades Department universal working card included in their ten cent per capita tax; and further points out that this provision will apply to any future affiliated local union, and the committee recommends to all Building Trades Councils and Local Unions that they immediately affiliate with the Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

The committee in consideration of these above recommendations gave consideration to the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California and some of the inequities which they felt existed, and President Lawrence pointed out that the Executive Council of the State Building and Construction Trades Council were now in the process of re-writing their constitution and by-laws, and that the recommendations of the organizational committee would be forwarded to the Executive Council for its consideration in re-writing its constitution and by-laws, which would be referred to the 1949 convention of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

—Signed: K. G. Bitter, chairman; L. A. Mashburn, secretary; Jay Smedley, J. C. Reynolds, Al Mailoux, Charles Seafuse, James Harvey.



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## Daylight Saving Nuisance

People living in California are putting themselves to the inconvenience of getting up one hour earlier than standard time because we have a governor who is so anxious to favor a few large corporations that he has not as yet called off the daylight savings nuisance, which was put into effect last spring to accommodate the light and power interests with the understanding that our governor should call it off when it was no longer necessary.

What the necessity is for continuing to require the working population of this state to get up in the dark and fumbling around an hour or two in the dark in order to get to work while it still is dark nobody has supplied a satisfactory explanation. This rushing to work in the dark is accompanied by an increasing number of automobile accidents during these early morning hours, many of which would be averted if people went to work one hour later each morning.

Some states have daylight savings by law but it is used only from April 1st to October 1st and all of these have now been back to standard time for two months, during which our days are getting shorter and shorter. Here in California our people rejected making it a permanent law, but those who want it are getting it anyway, thanks to our governor and our republican legislature.

## Our Danger Is Fascism

Regardless how mum our newspapers are managing to be about the existence of fascism in the United States it still remains the gravest danger that confronts us and our democracy. How grave this danger can be while our people are asleep to its existence can best be realized by noting again what happened in Europe when this scourge against democracy broke out with the late World War II as its chief manifestation.

Here in the United States we have of late years been hearing the utterances of a lot of loudmouthed individuals, who under republican rule, had secured seats of power in our national government. According to them we are in grave danger of being absorbed by the Reds unless we oust them from their jobs, expell them from our unions and deport them from our country. The danger of all this is that any man having an independent or progressive idea is apt to be dubbed either a Red or a fellow traveler of that much maligned tribe and then given the works.

But how about the fascists? Have they ceased to exist? Hardly. In fact there are many reasons for believing they are plenty active. If we get another war we are liable to find ourselves standing on the very threshold of a new fascism where not only soldiers but labor itself will be conscripted. We better not fall for it, like the trade unions in Germany fell for Hitler to their sorrow.

## Prepare for Next Election

Probably the main reason for over half of our eligible electors never qualifying themselves to vote or appearing at a voting booth to exercise their right to vote is that so many of us drop all political activity the day after an election is held. The result is that most people go to sleep politically till the next election rolls around and then it frequently becomes impossible to wake up most of them, while those who slept through the previous election are liable to continue on with their never ending political sleep unless something happens to jolt their political consciousness.

Right now is the time that labor should be engaging in the greatest political activity in which the men and women of labor have ever engaged, preparing to accomplish far more at the next election than they did in the one held Nov. 2, 1948. Labor must organize and educate its members in the political field, as well as in their trade unions. Unless the workers do this they are liable to wake up some day in the future only to find that the political power, which labor permitted their enemies to take over will be used to wreck and completely destroy their union gains. True, the Taft-Hartley law must be repealed, but it will require much more than that for labor to hold its own. Now is the time for labor to get busier than ever politically. If we don't we'll lose next time.

## Free Enterprise Must Aid All

The free enterprise system has proved in the past to be far superior to any other. But free enterprise does not mean anarchy, nor a policy of the devil take the hindmost. It must operate for the benefit of all the people, not only a favored few at the top. Otherwise, our free enterprise system will be digging its own grave and abdicating to Communism.—William Green.

When a problem seems so complex that it defies comprehension, a good plan is to dwarf it.

## LABOR NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

(Compiled by the Staff)  
**HOLLYWOOD AFL** actors are the latest craft to be hit by modern technological advances. They have voted to oppose with all their resources the unrestricted re-use of films made specially for television.

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**UKIAH** unions are active, want to establish a central council.

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**NOT MUCH TURKEY** for Vallejo retail clerks, with employers still holding out for decent pay increases in the current strike.

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**MEATCUTTERS** provided the usual 100's of thousands of turkeys for consumers from Frisco to Diego, despite some hold-out employers still closed on refusal to grant pay boost. San Jose Butchers signed up a good contract.

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**NEW LABOR TEMPLES** getting in shape. Oakland will open its spanking new temple in a week or two. San Jose's will soon be finished.

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**MONTEREY BAY** culinary crafts voted a resolution requiring any prospective candidates to State Federation office to file their intention by 60 days before convention.

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**CHRISTMAS** plans shaping up. Typical labor union generosity in Santa Rosa where the council voted 50 bucks for an underprivileged children's dinner. Salinas unions stage a high class boxing program Dec. 2 for the Kids Christmas party December 18.

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**GOV. WARREN** blasted warmly by L.A. Central Council ("condemned" was the word) for his action opposing Prop. 13, saying both he and Knight joined reactionary "campaign of deceit" on this needed measure.

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**UNIFORM HOLIDAY** set-up for the building trades will be sought by Santa Clara county tradesmen, also the 5-day week.

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**BLACKSMITHS** won decision to hold NLRB election at Stockton plant of J. I. Case Co.

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**METAL TRADES** heartened by Adm. W. W. Smith statement in S.F. saying west coast shipbuilding needed as defense measure in case Panama canal blockade. Pressure building up to give west coast yards some of ship work now all going to Big Steel yards in the east.

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**UNION ELECTIONS** coming up in December and January.

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**UNION RADIO** station opened by the AFL-ILGWU in Hollywood, station KFMV.

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**CANNERY COUNCIL** of the west, meeting in San Jose, heard speakers outline the great need for unions to make a better position for themselves in community affairs.

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**BAY AREA P & E** workers in four CIO locals have bolted and gone over to the IBEW to get a fair shake for their members, some 2500 involved.

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**THIRTY-HOUR** work week getting strong backing from unions, councils up and down the state, adopting State Fed. resolution. Unemployment ahead and labor-saving devices make shorter week a must.

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**CEMENT WORKERS** of California, Arizona, and Nevada will hold their convention in Santa Cruz next year.

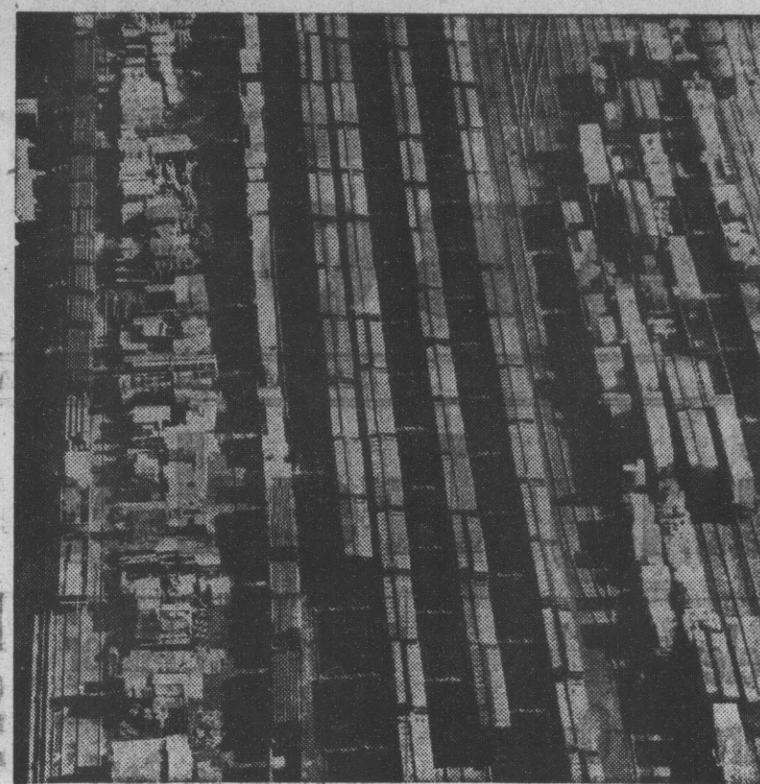
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**SAN DIEGO** meat shop bosses tried to throw a turkey scare, but it backfired as AFL Meatcutters signed up 300 markets, enough to insure plenty of turks.

## Aid for Blind And Aged Is OK'd by Voters

Los Angeles.—"The majority of the people of California have apparently expressed their approval of Proposition 4, Aged and Blind Aid," George H. McLain, sponsor of the pension amendment, pointed out last week.

"In the face of efforts to upset the democratic processes and guaranteed constitutional rights of the people, it seems strange that the Governor has not called in representatives of both sides of the question. Instead, he appears to be consulting only with a few state officials, such as State Finance Director James S. Dean and Charles M. Wollenberg, who will be removed as state welfare director by Proposition 4. These men have opposed the Aged and Blind Aid measure from the start, and could not be reasonably expected to be sympathetic now."

"The proponents of Proposition 4 are ready now as they always have been to consult with the Governor or anyone in authority," McLain emphasized. "We welcome any consultations which will result in benefit to the people of California."



**EAST COAST DOCK STRIKE**—Solid strike of 45,000 members of the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. (AFL) brought rail freight traffic to standstill along the east coast (above). Left, John D. Rockefeller 3rd, debating at strikebound port, lugs his own luggage.

The classrooms of the nation are normally staffed by about 900,000 teachers.

## News Writers Sad--Admit Awful Error in Election; Better Labor Press, Need

**WORKING NEWSPAPER MEN**—the lads who write the stuff the papers print—are telling the story of why the American press, in almost unanimously predicting Dewey's election, sustained the greatest "flop" in its history.

"Never has the press been so wrong," declares the "Guild Reporter," official organ of the Newspaper Writers' Union.

Reporter gives its members a front-page spanking in the current issue, stating that "while the public opinions polls were in error, the blame is solely that of the nation's press." The Reporter reprints in full a letter to its paper from New York Times reporter James Reston. Reston asserts that just as Dewey was too isolated with other politicians, "we were too isolated with other reporters" and did not "spend much time wandering around talking to the people."

### FORGOT NEW DEAL

"The great intangible of this election," says Reston, "was the political influence of the Roosevelt era on the thinking of the nation. It was less dramatic than the antics of Messrs. Wallace and Thurmond, but in the long run it was more important and we didn't give enough weight to it."

"Consequently we were wrong, not only on the election, but what's worse, on the whole political direction of our time."

### DO PEOPLES' THINKING?

Out at Sidney, Neb., "Jack" Lowe, one of the publishers of the "Telegraph," gets down on his penitent knees to say: "I was the victim of a self-inflated importance, which made me think the editor of a newspaper is supposed to do the thinking for the rest of the people."

"If I had moved off my posterior long enough to go out and talk with some farmer friends, or even to walk into our own shop and find how our employees planned to vote, I might have sensed the straw in the wind."

### "US EXPERTS"

"But I chose to sit in the sanctum sanctorum and form my own opinions on the basis of what the experts were saying. 'What I forgot to remember, and what Mr. Dewey overlooked, too, is that there are millions of 'experts' who don't do much talking, but their votes count just as much as mine when they walk into the booth."

"The newspaper business is stagnating because it has permitted itself to fall into the hands of men who have lost the common touch. They sit in the carpeted offices and smoke big, black cigars and build their ego to unbelievable heights."

"They are push-overs for the siren songs of Walter Lippman and Walter Winchell, and a host of other columnists, who, through the lethargy of the newspapers themselves, have taken over the job of doing most of the thinking and talking for the press."

### NEVER ADMIT WRONG

"They never admit a bum guess. They grow for week about their good ones, and the publishers love it, because it builds circulation, which builds advertising, which builds bank accounts, which builds dividends."

"The free press has become a slave to the dollar sign and the vision and enterprise which once characterized the profession has been supplanted by selfishness and irresponsibility."

Columnist Harold Ickes, who dubbed himself "the boy in the back row" with his questions to Candidate Dewey in the recent election campaign, points out that much touted "reader confidence" of the American press took a licking in the elections and "the record shows that since 1932 there's been a steady and marked deterioration in newspaper influence."

### 10% FOR TRUMAN

An Editor and Publisher poll be-

## Want to Build A Home? Here's The Obstacles

New York.—Want to build a home? Well, brother, you're up against a whole series of nationwide and nationwide combinations in restraint of trade, conspiracies to raise and fix prices, trusts, monopolies and cartels, according to Consumer Reports, monthly publication of Consumers Union.

Some of the obstacles to a free and open competitive market in homebuilding are described in the consumers' publication, which says: "A substantial number of all anti-trust cases are concerned with the industries supplying cement, lumber, brick, fire brick and facing tile, window glass, plaster, lath, paint, wallboard and all paper, hardware, plumbing and electrical supplies, and the same goes for Federal Trade Commission price fixing and monopoly cases."

"In the simplest form of price fixing, supposedly competing firms get together, either in blithe ignorance of the anti-trust laws or in the expectation that their conspiracy will go unnoticed, and agree upon a uniform price schedule. Nine New England brick manufacturers and five Pennsylvania and Ohio tile manufacturers operated almost this simply until ordered to 'cease and desist' by the FTC in June."

"A more sophisticated price-fixing scheme, developed years ago to make use of a loophole in the anti-trust laws, is to disguise a price-fixing agreement as a patent licensing plan."

"Most housing materials are heavy and bulky, which means that freight is a major component in costs. Building material producers quickly learned that conspiring to fix prices at the mill or plant is not enough; consumers can still pick and choose on the basis of differences in delivered prices. Consequently, complicated procedures for fixing delivered prices have become common in the building industries, under which freight is calculated from a 'basing point.'"

"Some industries also prevent consumers from taking advantage of lower water transportation rates; and the cement industry has even prohibited cement users from saving on freight by picking up materials at the factory in their own trucks."

"Recent anti-trust and FTC charges have involved also such varied service suppliers as real estate brokers, mortgage lenders and electrical and plumbing contractors."

What is needed to rescue the would-be home builder from the clutches of monopoly, Consumer Reports concluded, "is a nationwide housing program, which will expand the building materials and construction industries, and integrate them with sound land use, low-cost mortgage financing, and sound tax and rental policies."

## Unity With CIO Urged by AFL

Cincinnati.—The AFL 67th convention Nov. 17 called on its executive council to "pursue with new vigor its efforts to bring about unity with the CIO and other labor organizations."

In a resolution reported by the committee on organization and adopted by the delegates, it was declared that "one of the greatest stumbling blocks faced by labor as we attempt to organize is the great division in our ranks. We suggest that it is not enough for us to open the door and hope the prodigal CIO will return, but that we should now reach out and grasp them by the hand and urge them to come back into the AFL."

Stating that the recent election victory was won only by cooperation among all labor groups, it declared: "The greatest possible impetus toward the organization of workers would come from extending such unity."

## Here's What to Do With YOUR Victory

By BRADFORD V. CARTER, LPA Columnist

Here in Washington a lot of people are asking questions which only you union men and women out in the states can answer.

Your union representatives here, government administrators, and of course the newsmen—who want to do a better job at predicting what Congress will do next year than they did at guessing the election—are wondering how much of his program President Truman will actually be able to get thru Congress.

Despite labor's victory at the polls there is still a Taft-Hartleyite majority—albeit a slim one—in Congress. All the questions boil down to this: can President Truman and the people who reelected him put enough heat on these conservative politicians to make them carry out the mandates you handed Congress on Nov. 2?

Republican senators like Aiken and Flanders of Vermont and Young of South Dakota have said, since the votes were counted, that they're prepared to meet President Truman half-way on his New Deal program. Their support is being welcomed by the Democratic high command. There's even some talk in Republican circles of replacing the reactionary Taft-Wherry senate GOP leadership team with newer men like Ives of New York.

Not a whisper has been heard, however, about breaking up the "murderers' row" of Martin, Taber, Halleck, Wolcott and Allen who dominated the GOP delegation in the House. As was true in the 1920's and 30's whatever enlightenment there is in the Republican party is concentrated in the Senate.

Senator McGrath, the Democratic Nat'l Committee chairman, has said that he isn't going to interfere with the choice of Congressional chairmen. The top leaders of the bigoted Dixiecrat movement won't be welcomed back in the party, he declared. But it appears that the quiet States Righters, the men who've usually voted wrong but didn't openly defy the national party last fall, will retain their seniority.

McGrath may be right. An outright slap in the face from the administration would certainly forfeit it the votes of the southern bloc. The catch of course is that it leaves the Bourbons in key spots on committees that have to pass on the legislation you voted for.

What President Truman and Sen. McGrath are counting on is that when Congress meets these wayward Democrats will remember what it was you voted for: Taft-Hartley repeal, public housing, health insurance, civil rights, a better minimum wage law, effective price control, and development in the public interest of our natural resources.

Whether or not these bills are passed, how many compromises the liberals in Congress have to make, depends in large measure upon you.

Remember how the in-season-and-out support that President Roosevelt had from the people in the early years of the New Deal forced not so enthusiastic Congressmen to vote for his progressive measures.

Remember how — when the people relaxed and began to leave it all to the President — his influence with Congress waned, and liberal bills died in committees?

It can happen again — if you let it. We've got to keep slugging between elections and keep the Congress convinced that when we voted for a return to the New Deal we meant it.

If we stay on the ball, continue the educational work of our union's political leagues, keep in touch with our legislators, we can push labor's program over the congressional hump. Then we'll be in a position to increase our demands. But if we just rest on our laurels...

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# MINUTES

## Bldg. Trades Council

November 18, 1948

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Alsop at 8:45 p. m.

Roll call showed 16 delegates from 8 Local Unions present.

Brother Roy Humbricht of the Cannery Workers Union spoke before the Council on the proposed Sales Tax for the City of Monterey. The unfairness of this tax was pointed out in which it would remove the tax burden from the property owners of Monterey and place it upon any one that was unfortunate enough to make a purchase in Monterey. Bro. Humbricht asked the aid of the Bldg. & Const. Trades Council in combating this tax measure. Bro. Humbricht was excused.

Minutes of the previous meeting, Nov. 4, 1948, were read and approved.

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting Nov. 12, 1948, were read.

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting, Nov. 18, 1948, were read. It was moved (Long), seconded (Thomas), and carried recommendations of the Executive Board of Nov. 12 and Nov. 18, be concurred in.

Agreement between the Miller Concrete Co. and the Council was read and approved.

An Agreement between Butts & Johnson and the Council was read and approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from the Calif. State Fed. of Labor concerning the past political campaign read and filed. A letter from the Albuquerque Bldg. & Const. Trades Council notified this Council that the Gulf Oil Co. is building a Refinery with non-union men in that District. The Construction Co. on this job is the Hudson Engineering Corporation. The Albuquerque Bldg. Trades Council is asking all Locals and Councils for whatever assistance they are able to give.

Minutes of the Santa Clara County Bldg. & Const. Trades Council and a financial report noted and filed.

A letter from the Bldg. and Const. Trades Dept. containing decision of Joint Board No. 17 read and filed.

Minutes of the Central Labor Council noted and filed.

Two Weekly Newsletters noted. Two letters from the Maritime Conference read and filed.

All bills were read and ordered paid.

### BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT

Brother Miller submitted his report in writing and made an oral report of the various jobs contacted. Bro. Miller stated the Culinary Workers have been organizing the various business establishments in Monterey and are asking all Building Crafts to recognize any picket lines placed by the Culinary Workers. At the present time a picket line has been placed in front of the Pep Creamery, Monterey.

The B. A.'s report was accepted. Bro. M. G. Murphy, Business Agent of Engineers Local No. 3, was present and stated Local No. 3 desired to affiliate with the Council. Bro. Murphy stated their membership fluctuated considerably and that Local No. 3 desired to have their per capita tax at a fixed rate which would be fair to the Council and also the Local No. 3. This would relieve their office of a great deal of bookkeeping. Bro. Murphy stated that Local No. 3 covers half of California, all of Utah and part of Idaho and is affiliated with a great many Bldg. Trades Councils. The request was turned over to the Organization Board for study. The Board was instructed to bring in a report at our next meeting. Bro. Murphy was excused.

### REPORT OF UNIONS

**Bricklayers L. U. 16:** No report.

**Carpenters L. U. 1523:** Bethards, good meeting. Also reported on the Monterey Central Labor Council meeting and the action was taken to combat the sales tax.

**Electricians L. U. 1072:** Fales, regular meeting. Bro. Fales was delegated to attend the Fresno meeting for the Electricians.

**Laborers L. U. 690:** Thomas, routine meeting. Thomas being delegated to attend Fresno meeting.

**Lathers L. U. 122:** No meeting.

**Painters L. U. 273:** Grubbs, routine meeting. Bro. Bolin delegated to attend Fresno meeting.

**Plasterers L. U. No. 337:** Bro. Stewart, good meeting, sending delegate to Fresno meeting.

**Plumbers L. U. 62:** Long, small meeting, sending delegate to the Fresno meeting.

**Roofers L. U. 50:** No report.

**Sheet Metal Workers L. U. 304:** Isakson, good meeting, sending delegate to Fresno meeting.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The question of the Sales Tax in the City of Monterey was taken up at this time. After considerable discussion in which it was pointed out that many People living outside of Monterey would be forced to buy outside the City of Monterey. It was moved (R. Isakson), seconded (Bethards), and carried the Council go on record as opposed to any sales tax levied by any City in Monterey County. After discussion it was moved (Fales), seconded (R. Isakson), and carried that the Council co-operate with the Central Labor Council or any of the various Locals to defeat the proposed sales tax.

### GOOD AND WELFARE

The Organization Board asked

## LOCAL 483 REPORTS



HOTEL AND RESTAURANT  
EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS  
ALLIANCE 483  
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

The first regular meeting for December is Wednesday, December 1st at 8:30 p. m. Since the new by-law amendments have been approved at the past three meetings, it is expected that the attendance will be unusually large. If you are off duty on Wednesday evening, be sure to attend the meeting—and contribute your ideas to the progress of Local 483.

Business Agent Charlie Osterloh has been very busy indeed, during his first two weeks on the job. In addition to acting as Picket Captain for the Pep Fountain Restaurant line, Charlie has been making the rounds of the contract houses, getting acquainted with the varied aspects of his job. Most of central Monterey houses have been visited and all of the East Monterey and Seaside places have been called upon. When Charlie calls on your place of business, do your part to assist him in getting acquainted with the owners and your fellow employees, in order that his business may be conducted with a minimum of delay.

Mamie and "Shorty" Lawrence, former proprietors of Dee's Donut Shop on Fremont Extension, have recently moved to a new location. They now operate the "Little Nugget" restaurant on Fremont, near Maple. "Shorty" has been a member of the Teamsters' Union for some time, and still carries his card. Stop by and see the Lawrences when you're out Seaside way.

Bert Fuqua, operator of Dee's Coffee Shop on Fremont, reports that he was acquitted in Judge Ray Baugh's Court, on charges of operating his restaurant without proper licenses. We're glad to hear that, Bert, and hope that you'll have no further obstacles thrown in the way of your business venture.

The list of sick and hospitalized members continues to grow this week. Bill Kelly, popular relief bartender at Pine Inn and Whitney's collapsed, and was taken to Letterman General Hospital at San Francisco on Thanksgiving Day. Lee Pottharst has been ill and confined to her home in Pacific Grove. George Constant is up and around after his recent operation at Monterey Hospital.

Grace Smith reports that she is ready to go back to work, after recovery from a broken rib. And even Charlie Osterloh was confined to his bed for a couple of days with aching flesh and joints after walking the picket line in the rain. (Isn't that a sure sign of approaching old age?) If you know of any other members of 483 who are sick or in need of assistance, please advise your Union Office.

The Teamsters Union reports that their negotiations with the Coca Cola Bottling and Distributing Company of Monterey have broken down, and they will be compelled to ask the Monterey Central Labor Council to place the firm on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. If such action is taken, members of Local 483 who customarily handle Coca Cola will be advised by the secretary or the business agent.

Local 483 is currently in negotiation with Harley's Drive Inn, located on Fremont Extension near Del Monte avenue; with the Karmelkorn Shop, located on Alvarado street, and with the Kit Kat, also on Alvarado, for a contract. Progress is being made with all three restaurants, and an early settlement is expected in all cases.

So far, no complaints have been received over non-payment of time and one-half wages for the Thanksgiving holiday. However, several members have wondered whether they are entitled to pay for the day if they did NOT work. The answer is "no". Several employers, who customarily close their restaurants on major holidays, do pay their workers for the day, but this is an example of their personal regard for their employees, and is not required by our contract.

Postcards are being sent to all members, in alphabetical order, requesting them to call at the Union Office to make arrangements to stand two hours picket

for a Discussion and information so they may be able to arrive at a fair conclusion and bring in a report on the subject of per capita tax for Engineers Local Union No. 3. At this time the nominations for members to the Organization Board to fill two vacancies was taken up. Bros. G. Bethards and M. Isakson were nominated and elected unanimously.

After considerable discussion it was moved (R. Isakson), seconded (G. Bethards), we send a letter to Bro. McGinley of Laborers L. U. 272 in Salinas informing him he does not represent the Monterey County Building and Construction Trades Council in any capacity. This motion was withdrawn with the consent of the second until our next meeting.

The financial report was read and approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

HARRY POSTER,  
Recording Secretary.

## Says Capehart All-Out to Aid Big Business

Washington.—Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.) November 17 accused Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R., Ind.) of "blowing his top" during a committee hearing in defense of the steel monopolies.

Patman, who is slated to become chairman of the House small business committee in the next Congress, is participating in hearings being conducted by that committee into problems of monopoly control. At the same time, Capehart is acting as chairman of a Republican dominated subcommittee of the Senate small business committee which is conducting hearings on the basing point system of pricing.

The Capehart committee has been hearing testimony of big business representatives, while the House committee has been listening to spokesmen for government agencies and small businesses.

Capehart interrupted one session to declare, "Congressman Patman doesn't have to study what's happened to little business. Because during the last 16 years little business has been getting smaller and big business has been getting bigger. They (the Democrats) always throw up their hands and cry 'monopoly, monopoly, monopoly' when they are the ones that are running the government. I'm sick and tired of it."

The Senator was particularly irked at the role Patman had played in investigating a steel merger deal in Texas.

Patman, in turn, interrupted the hearings of his committee to issue the following blast at Capehart: "Sen. Capehart is demonstrating the weakness of his case to legalize the basing point system that is outlawed by the Congress, the FTC, and the Supreme Court in 'blowing his top' before his committee in an unjustified denunciation of me."

"He had on the witness stand a representative of big steel from Houston, Tex., who also had reason to feel unkindly towards me because I frustrated his efforts to scuttle the Lone Star Steel Co. in my district."

"Sen. Capehart will see the light if he keeps on studying the question and if he will remove the invisible fog around him created by selfish, greedy big business interest representatives who have seemingly hypnotized Sen. Capehart with their deceitful and misleading propaganda."

"On the farm we know that a goose does not make a good guardian for shelled corn. Neither is it logical to assume that large corporations that have grown rich and powerful through monopolies caused by the basing point system will make good guardians for small business."

"Monopoly is profitable. Those who profit from a monopoly may be expected to protect their selfish interests. I hope the press, which gave publicity to the Capehart smear, will be equally impartial in publishing my reply."

In an earlier session of Patman's committee Frank A. Fetter, Princeton economist, charged that the Capehart committee staff is made up predominantly of representatives of big business and has listened only to those who would profit by monopoly.

## Rent Control Teeth

Washington.—Rep. Brent Spence (D., Ky.), who is scheduled to resume his former post as chairman of the House Banking committee, promised Nov. 10 that the House will pass an extension of rent control until March 31, 1950 and that effective enforcement teeth will be put into the new law. The Congressman said his staff already is at work on the bill.



SOME SHOW!—In time-honored show-must-go-on tradition, chorus girl Anita Arden goes on stage at New York night club in a hastily improvised costume of tassels after Gypsy Rose Lee walked out in dispute over bill for costumes.

## With Local 890



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Local 890

274 E. Alisal St.  
Salinas, Calif.

Attention all Cannery Workers: Your Secretary spent two full days in Oakland with a large committee at which time proposals for new cannery contracts were prepared. Many changes are being requested in the 1949 agreement as well as increases in wages. Watch this paper for further information regarding this matter.

### TO ALL MEMBERS

The jurisdiction of this Union covers all phases of transportation, all types of warehousing, canning, freezing, fresh vegetable packing, dehydration, all jobs connected with the distribution of materials, parts houses, garages, service stations etc. A tremendous job is yet to be done in Monterey County regarding organization of certain branches of labor. Your assistance will be required. We ask that you notify the office of the Union, where an opportunity affords, of any field to be organized.

### RAPID HARVEST COMPANY AND LIQUID ICE COMPANY

In the instance of Liquid Ice, this contract has been settled for 15c per hour increase across the board, retroactive to July 1st. All members of the Union employed by Liquid Ice working in the shop, engine room as well as guards and watchmen, will receive their retroactive pay in order to complete their Christmas shopping. The same applies to Rapid Harvest, where 10c per hour increase across the board was granted back to October 10. Contracts are being prepared for signature. Kindly notify the Union for any further information regarding these two jobs.

A new field of endeavor has been adopted by Labor, particularly since November 2, when a great boost was given to Labor morally when Labor's candidates were elected to public office throughout the Nation. Here in Monterey County we are faced with a tremendous task of cleaning house in two Legislative fields. The most important of course is in the 11th Congressional District where Ernest K. Bramblett squeezed in for another two years. He must be replaced two years from now and the ground work will have to be started immediately.

In the State Senatorial District we have Fred Weybret. This gentleman has an anti-labor record unparalleled in the State Legislature insofar as organized labor is concerned. The job will have to be done in order to prepare for his defeat two years hence. So, although we have won a great victory, the job is not finished.

Those of you who were not eligible to vote because you failed to register, can register now at the office of the Union where two deputy registrars will gladly register you and it will only take a few minutes of your time. Bring other members of your family to register—if you cannot come to the office of the Union, there are a dozen other places you may register both in Salinas and in Alisal. It is important, and your Union is going to insist that every member who is eligible to vote must be a registered voter.

The following places of business merit your patronage. They employ members of our Union: Salinas Cab Co., Yellow Cab Co., Checker Cab Co., Carls Cab Co., and Packard Cab Co. ALL OTHER CAB COMPANIES ARE NOT UNION and do not merit your patronage.

The following tire shops are Union and we ask you to patronize them: Firestone Tire & Service, Don Hultz, Harry Rhoads and a new place recently organized, the Dean's Tire Shop, located at Gabellan and Monterey Streets, where six of our members are employed. So in addition to Firestone, Don Hultz and Harry Rhoads, we now have Dean's Tire Shop.

Organization has been started at Lamarr Brothers. You will be notified as to progress.

### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

When leaving the jurisdiction of this Union, don't let your dues go delinquent—take out an honorable withdrawal card which may save you a re-instatement fee later on. When transferring into other areas, particularly produce drivers who are going to southern California, kindly request a transfer from the local Union office prior to going on the job.

In order to receive benefits from this Union, your dues are due and payable on or before the first of this month. All cannery workers and other seasonal workers who intend to come back to your present place of employment and who wish to keep your insurance policy, kindly deposit \$6.00 in advance with the office of the Union for six months insurance. Unless this is done you will lose all benefits. Upon returning to work prior to the end of the six month period, any monies paid towards insurance will be credited to your account.

Any member living in the outlying areas not able to come to the Union to pay the dues, you can mail them in by post office money order together with your book and

your book properly stamped and receipt and button will be returned to you promptly.

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### PATRONIZE UNION SERVICES. ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS

Next regular meeting of this Union will be held on Thursday, December 2, at the Carpenters Hall at 8:00 p.m.

### TO OUR MEMBERS:

The following letter was received by local 890 from Fred Clayton, secretary of Teachers Union 1020 of Salinas, and along with the publicity release attached brings a vital message to all working people here:

Albert Harris, President Teamsters' Union 890 I sent you a few copies of our green sheet which I have been putting out every Monday. It has aroused considerable interest on the part of the high school teachers but we haven't been able to actually capture any new members yet.

I am enclosing a copy of an announcement I got from national headquarters at Chicago today about the election of three American Federation of Teachers people to Congress. I would like to see it in the Labor newspaper you put out, so attached a short write-up you can use if you want to.

I deliberately used the term professional organization in that write-up in reference to the American Federation of Teachers, not because it means anything to me but because teachers are funny that way. I am 100% for the AFT and the AFL and I don't care if I am regarded as an amateur, professional, or worker or what-not, it doesn't make any difference to me. The meaning is a little dim 'certainly but a lot of teachers attach much importance to that "professional."

Fraternally yours,  
FRED CLAYTON,  
Secretary AFT 1020.

### PUBLICITY BULLETIN

Chicago, Ill.—Three teacher union members were elected to the Congress of the United States in the recent election, according to an announcement by Irvin R. Kuenzli, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL). In Illinois, Paul H. Douglas, decisively defeated Wendell L. Brooks in a hotly contested election. In Minnesota, former college professor and Mayor of Minneapolis, Hubert Humphrey, defeated Congressman Ball in a contest which was no less heated than the Douglas-Brooks battle in Illinois. In Wisconsin, teacher-statement Andrew J. Biemiller of Milwaukee, former member of the House of Representatives who was defeated in the 1946 election, was re-elected to Congress. Mr. Biemiller gained recognition in Congress as the sponsor of a bill to provide federal funds for education in the field of labor-management relations.

"The American Federation of Teachers is very proud," Secretary Kuenzli stated, "to have these three members occupying seats in Congress at this crucial time in the history of the world. We feel they can make an outstanding contribution in extending and protecting democratic government in the United States."

The Salinas Federation of Teachers, Local 1020, received the above announcement. The Salinas professional organization is new, dating its charter from last August 16. Its aims are to promote the general aims of education, to raise professional standards, to improve working conditions, to improve the output to the student. The American Federation of Teachers is national, state, and local in its organization and derives much of its influence from its affiliation with the most powerful workers' organization in the world, the American Federation of Labor. Any teacher from Cnd all way points, is eligible to make application for membership. Applicants should write to:

Fred Clayton, Secretary, at Salinas Union High School. President of the local professional organization is Donald Tarr, also of the high school. Delegate to the Salinas Central Labor Council is Homer Bronson, of the high school.

The Marine Corps now has a helicopter squadron; the Navy itself has used this type of aircraft for several recent years.

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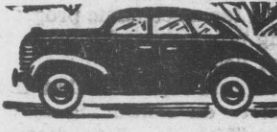
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## LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California  
WILLIAM G. KENYON, Secretary

### TO ALL DELEGATES TO THE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY:

Numerous important matters are being considered at each and every meeting of the council and it is vital that all unions are represented at all meetings. Delegates are urged to be present each Friday night for council regular meetings and these delegates are urged also to make full reports to their unions at their meetings.

Unions are requested to see that they have a full slate of delegates and also all delegates attend council meetings. Where delegates are not in attendance regularly, the union misses liaison with council business activities.

Highlights of the meeting of November 19 include:  
Acceptance of Garold Miller, new business agent of Retail Clerks Union 839, as a new delegate from that union.

Plans for the Christmas Party at the Armory on December 18 are progressing well and all union members are urged to attend the boxing program at the Armory on Thursday night, Dec. 2, where net proceed will be turned over to the Christmas Party fund.

Named as delegates to attend a dinner meeting of the World Affairs Committee at Hotel Cominos were C. Butler, J. B. McGinley and Robert Shinn.

A letter was ordered sent to Congressman Bramlett asking him to sit with a labor committee prior to his return to Congress in January to learn the views of labor unionists in this district.

After discussion of annexation of the Alisal area into Salinas, a committee of Albert Harris, Carl Lara and Ivan Miller was named to take steps to see that the council views are considered before any definite action is taken.

Union reports included:  
**Barbers Union 827**—Nomination of new officers accepted at last meeting; \$25 donated to Christmas Party fund.

**Dry Cleaners Union 258-B**—Negotiations continuing with employers for new agreement.

**Painters Union 1101**—Glaziers being re-organized, employers reportedly have agreed to \$2 hourly scale.

**Retail Clerks Union 839**—New officers installed, new contracts being negotiated.

**Electrical Workers Union 243**—Twelve electricians now at PG&E job in Moss Landing, more to be called soon.

## Security Office Tells No Tales

Like the daisies, the Social Security Administration won't tell. This Federal agency keeps its mouth shut, and some of the 88,000,000 Americans who hold social security cards would be mighty unhappy if it didn't.

Concentrated in the Accounting Operations Division of its Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance in the Candler Building in Baltimore are more personal facts and figures about more Americans than in any other place in the country.

Just how old is your mother-in-law? The Social Security Administration might know, but it won't tell. How much did your ex-wife earn last year? The record is there, but only she can get that information — and she already knows.

When the Social Security Administration asks for and gets from a worker the information necessary to set up and identify his account, it pledges to regard such information as confidential and to withhold it from all but authorized persons.

The worker whose boss thinks he is ten years younger than he is need have no fear that his secret will come to light. It is guarded from prying eyes at all times of the day and night by guards whose sole job is to keep the records safe.

The Social Security Administration's local office receives on an average 5 to 10 requests per week for aid in locating missing husbands, absconding treasurers, and persons who find it easier to move than to pay bills, San Francisco Manager Charles H. Shreve reports, and it is a dull week which does not produce some five or six telephone calls from people who cash checks on the basis of social security card identification.

"In every case," Shreve stated, "we must tell the caller that our records are for social security purposes only and that we are not permitted to release any information. Without such protection to individuals, we would no longer get the accurate information necessary, and we would soon be spending more time furnishing information than we now put on the bookkeeping the law requires."

## AFL Hears Petrillo

Cincinnati.—President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians got the AFL convention off to a raucous start. He led a 30-piece band in "Happy Days Are Here Again" under convention hotel windows early one morning.

## CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Business Agent George R. Harter of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 reports as follows for this union:

Local 925 is protesting the use of prisoners in construction work at the state medium security prison at Soledad. Concrete warehouse and barns are being built by prisoners.

Steps are being taken to get all new construction at the prison done by union workmen under contract. Construction of a new prison will get started early next year.

Call for bids for a new junior high school in the Alisal area was issued last week. Bids will be opened on January 16. The structure will be frame and stucco, with 14 rooms and offices.

Jack Kaiser, member of Local 925, was more seriously injured than has been reported last week, suffering loss of four fingers in an accident.

Twenty new homes are being started in the Mission Park tract by Pacific Builders of Salinas, the job will bring some added work to carpenters.

## 'New Deal' to Go On—Truman

Washington.—Various newspaper columnists and commentators who have spent the weeks since Nov. 2 writing off the labor-liberal victory in the election, got a rude shock last week, as the Administration indicated its intentions for the new 81st Congress.

Out of Key West, where President Truman was conferring with his Congressional leaders, came a flat statement that he will stand by the Democratic platform on which he fought to victory. This includes a strong civil rights program, outright repeal of Taft-Hartley, increased minimum wage, strengthened and liberalized social security, a farm economic program, a housing program, and a plant for resources development.

Truman told reporters that they could figure on continuing to use the term "New Deal" to describe his program, because basically it had not changed since his post-VJ Day message to Congress in September 1945.

Added support to the pro-labor forces in the Democratic party was seen in the plans to make Sen. Francis J. Myers (D., Pa.) Senate whip. Myers has worked very closely with union officials, and knows what they want.

Vice-President-elect Alben Barkley confirmed for reporters here President Truman's determination to push thru activist rights program. While reminding them that he'd no longer be in the Senate after Inauguration Day, Barkley indicated he'd favor a measure allowing the Senate to close debate on all matters, thus preventing filibusters by opponents of civil rights measures.

## Wall St. Talks About 4th Round

New York.—As labor's fourth-round wage drive began to take shape, the Wall Street Journal asserted that a number of industries would be unable to pass on pay boosts to consumers in the form of higher prices.

Among the industries which have reached the end of the price increase line, according to the Journal Nov. 18, are shipping, airlines, railroads and movie makers.

"On the other hand," it said, "certain industries appear able to grant higher wages. Outstanding examples are steel, oil, chemicals and autos. Their earnings are large; demand for their products is strong."

The Journal apparently took it for granted that an industry wouldn't dream of raising wages unless it could use such an increase as an excuse for raking in still more profits.

## Over-the-Road Temos Win NLRB Election

Detroit.—The union shop election among almost 8000 over-the-road truckdrivers in the lower peninsula of Michigan was won by the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers (AFL), the NLRB certified Nov. 15 in Detroit.

Out of 7904 eligibles in 685 trucking firms 7100 voted for the union shop and 369 against. The election was required under the Taft-Hartley act which outlawed the closed shop under which the teamsters had been operating.



## AFL Political Education League to Be Continued

Cincinnati.—There will be no folding of the tents for Labor's League for Political Education. That was decided by the organization's national committee at a special meeting held here in conjunction with the AFL convention.

Composed of chiefs of all AFL unions, the national committee voted unanimously to continue the League and adopted a far-reaching program of activities for the coming year.

### PROGRAM ADOPTED

The program carried these highlights:

1—The League shall be continued on a permanent basis and on the national, state and local levels. An effort will be made by 1950 to build an army of volunteer workers in all of the 110,000 voting precincts of the nation.

2—Between campaigns, the League shall do information and education work, and particularly issue reports on issues before Congress, voting records of congressmen, and the action of congressmen both in committees and on the floor.

3—The League will use every possible medium of education. That will include recordings of speeches by union leaders and congressmen for broadcast by local leagues over radio stations or union meetings. Movies and film strips will be developed to explain labor's views and to promote the "register and vote" theme.

4—The League will do no lobbying.

5—Improved cooperative relationships will be developed between the League and farm, professional, and liberal non-partisan committees and other labor groups—and with women's auxiliaries.

CONTRIBUTIONS  
This educational work between campaigns can be legally financed out of union funds, it was pointed out. From Dec. 1, 1948, to Feb. 1, 1950, such funds will be raised by contributions from the AFL and its affiliates.

Each national and international union is to be asked to contribute an amount equal to 10c a member for the 14-month period. That would raise about \$750,000 at a maximum.

During political campaigns, however, the League's funds will be raised thru drives for voluntary contributions from workers.

Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, in a report on the League's work, hailed the results of the election as a "vindication of labor's position in opposition to the Taft-Hartley act."

RESULTS ARE SHOWN  
"It is important to note that not one single senator who voted against the Taft-Hartley act was defeated and not a single friendly seat in the House was lost."

"One truth stands out and it will be remembered by future candidates for public office—the support of labor's rights is not a political liability. At the same time, the election showed the opposition to labor's rights and to progressive legislation is a serious political liability."

Meany pointed out that 12 labor-supported candidates were elected to the Senate and 172 to the House. Seventeen senators and 106 representatives who voted against the Taft-Hartley act were defeated.

Meany cited the fact that the League "operated on a very small budget." Total contributions, he said, amounted to \$319,000. The national headquarters budget was kept small and "the maximum amount of money possible was sent directly to state and local leagues and to labor-supported candidates," he explained.

LOBAR PRESS PRAISED  
During the campaign, "Weekly labor papers and the union journals became our main instrument of political education," Meany declared.

"Too much credit cannot be given to the editors of the labor papers and the union journals," he said. "Without their wholehearted cooperation it is doubtful that such political success could have been possible."

Joseph D. Keenan, director of

the League, gave a dramatic report on the results of the election, state by state.

"We all take particularly great satisfaction in the defeat of Ball of Minnesota," he said.

Keenan also paid a glowing tribute to the labor press, as well as to all other agencies of the labor movement which played a role in the election campaign.

## Urges U.S. Aid Small Business

Washington.—Morris L. Ernst, New York attorney, Nov. 17, demanded that the government set up in Washington a federal Department of Free Enterprise to "battle for the little fellow."

Testifying before the House small business committee which is winding up hearings on monopoly control, Ernst declared that the "concentration of wealth will end our system within 10 years" unless monopolies are curbed.

"If the big boys continue to grow bigger," he declared, "the people will decide that there is no other way but to have the government take them over. That will be socialism and I don't want that."

He described the present efforts of government to hobble monopolies as piece-meal and urged a concentrated, coordinated program under the new Department of Free Enterprise to conduct an all-out war against trusts.

He also charged that the Dept. of Commerce is now the spokesman for big business. He urged its reorganization and expansion to include a "trade" court composed of economists who would slap down monopolies wherever they are found. Only appeal from this court would be to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Ernst asked for vastly increased appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission, Commerce Department and antitrust division of the Justice Department.

The greatest menace to American freedom, he declared, is the control of big business over the newspapers and radio stations. "We are in danger of becoming a nation whose opinions are formed by boiler plate," he warned.

## Anti-Cooperative Lobby Hasn't Leg To Stand On

Madison, Wis. (LPA)—The man who for two years worked for a Congressional investigation of whether or not cooperatives should be taxed declares that the anti-cooperative lobby's contentions are not based on fact, and it "doesn't have a leg to stand on."

Speaking before the Wis. Association of Cooperatives, William J. Deegan, Jr., told how, when he went to work for the committee, he believed that the Nat'l Tax Equality Association was right in claiming that co-ops "evaded" taxes paid by other businesses. However, after a time, he found that the facts didn't warrant the NTEA's claims.

"There is room in the American economy for corporations," Deegan said, as well as co-ops, "but there is no room for monopoly, whether it be corporate, cooperative or governmental." He charged that NTEA is being financed by a "small fraction of business enterprise engaged in financial and commodity manipulations."

Actually, Deegan asserted, only about 5000 of the 35,000 cooperatives in the US have elected to come under the tax exemption provisions of the federal law, and all of the co-ops pay all other taxes—federal and local.

Frozen meat should be thawed slowly, then cooked immediately.

## Injured Worker And His Doctor

Workmen's compensation benefits are of two kinds—the monetary compensation for lost time and the medical care rendered. In many ways the latter is more important than the former, since until the worker is cured of his injuries, he is unable to return to his regular work. Since compensation payments are always less than a worker's earnings, he sustains a net monetary loss for the time during which he is unable to work. It, therefore, becomes vitally important for an injured worker to understand the practical aspect of medical care.

### END OF TREATMENT

The most frequent problem which arises in states where the injured worker has the right to choose his own physician, is when after receiving a certain amount of treatment, he is informed by his doctor that the insurance company has directed him to end treatment. This directive by the insurance company is usually based upon the opinion of one of its own doctors that further treatment is not needed.

When the worker's physician is in agreement with this opinion, it presents no problem. But very frequently, the worker's doctor feels that further treatment is still necessary but in view of the company's directive, he feels that he must suspend treatment because further medical bills would not be honored.

### INSURANCE SCHEMES

This is a strategic device frequently employed by insurance firms. The worker is entitled to compensation only so long as there is medical evidence of a continuing disability. This medical evidence consists either of direct testimony by a physician at a hearing or by medical reports. When there is a cessation of medical treatment, there is necessarily a cessation of medical reports. At a hearing, the company then is in a position to contend that it need not pay further compensation because there are no further medical reports establishing further disability.

Doctors who have considerable experience with compensation, frequently continue with the treatment in spite of the carrier's directive to suspend, and hope to receive payment by establishing at a hearing before a Compensation Referee or Commissioner, that the treatment was necessary and the bill rendered was reasonable.

### PAY OF TREATMENT

Where a doctor refuses to continue treatment, though treatment is indicated, workers have the right to go to another doctor and obtain the necessary treatment. If a worker finds that no doctor is available in view of the company's directive, the worker, where possible, should pay for his own treatment and seek reimbursement at a compensation hearing.

In states where hearings can be quickly obtained, a better plan is to request an immediate hearing for the purpose of obtaining a finding from the Referee or Commissioner as to whether further treatment is indicated. If such a finding is obtained, the company then has no alternative but to authorize such further treatment.

In states where the worker does not have a free choice of physician, this situation arises with even greater frequency since the insurance company has greater control of the physician. A worker in such a situation can follow the procedure described above. In any event, if a worker feels that he is still unable to return to work, he should get further treatment, even if he has to pay for it himself. It can not be repeated too many times that without treatment, there can be no reports; and without medical reports, there can be no compensation.

## Gas Trucks Must Stop at All R.R.'s

Gasoline tank trucks, even though empty of liquids, must stop at all railroad crossings, according to an attorney general's opinion released last week by the California Highway Patrol.

The opinion was given to clear up misunderstandings regarding the 1947 law exempting motor trucks carrying up to 100 gallons of inflammable liquid as part of a general freight cargo.

"General freight shipments often contain small quantities of inflammable liquids, and under previous legislation were required to stop at all railroad grade crossings," according to Highway Patrol Commissioner Clifford E. Peterson. "The 1947 amendment removes this requirement but it still applies to tank vehicles, although empty of liquid, because of the presence of highly explosive gasoline vapors."

Peterson announced that orders have gone forth to all units of the Patrol to enforce this regulation.

The insecticide DDT, on a pound-for-pound basis, is claimed to be 100 times more toxic on the Japanese beetle larvae than lead arsenate.

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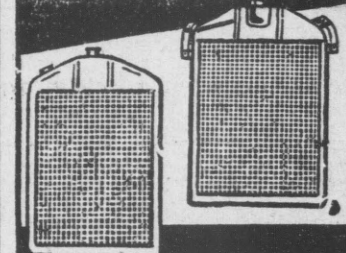
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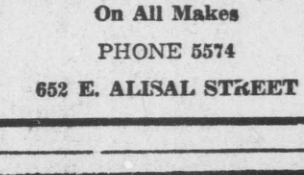
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